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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Before The Honorable Thomas S. Hixson, Magistrate Judge

LISAMARIA MARTINEZ,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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VS.)	NO. 3:20-CV-06570 TSH
)	
COUNTY OF ALAMEDA,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

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TRANSCRIPT OF JURY TRIAL PROCEEDINGS

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1 Q. Before we get into kind of the more mundane details, I
2 want to kind of focus on a few clear big-picture issues.

3 What is it that -- as the assistant controller of the
4 CRO's office, what is your understanding of what the ADA
5 requires and addresses in regards to patrons like Ms. Martinez
6 coming in to record documents?

7 A. My understanding is that the general principle of the ADA
8 is to ensure that there is effective communication between both
9 parties.

10 Q. And if there is effective communication, based upon your
11 understanding of the ADA, do you even get to a discussion of
12 auxiliary aids and services or all the other questions that
13 we've been hearing over the last hour?

14 A. No. If there's effective communication, that would be the
15 goal.

16 Q. Now, based upon -- did you conduct an inquiry into
17 Ms. Martinez's visit on March 29th, 2019?

18 A. I did, yes.

19 Q. And did you speak with and interview the people that were
20 directly involved, with the exception of Ms. Martinez?

21 A. Yes, the County employees who were involved.

22 Q. And based upon those discussions and your review of the
23 materials, did you have an opinion as to whether or not there
24 was effective communication between Ms. Martinez and the
25 individuals at the CRO that she interacted with on

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1 March 29th, 2019?

2 A. I believe there was effective communication that day.

3 Q. And because there was effective communication, would, in
4 your opinion, the County have been required to provide any
5 further accommodations or aids or auxiliary services?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 Now, even though the County was not required to do so,
9 would the offer to allow an expedited mail-back of her FBNS
10 form been a type of accommodation?

11 A. Yes. That's not something we would have ordinarily done
12 to anyone mailing in something that needed corrections. That
13 would have been a specific accommodation made for Ms. Martinez.

14 Q. And that's not something that's offered to everyone else?

15 A. Correct.

16 Q. And the expedited process, how quickly would an expedited
17 return have been if she would have mailed it in?

18 A. It would have depended on the mail; but once we received
19 it, that would have likely been a same day, if possible,
20 probably the latest, the following day if we couldn't get to it
21 the day we received the mail.

22 Q. And we also heard a little bit about funding and budgets.

23 Now, how long have you been with the CRO division?

24 A. I've been with the Auditor-Controller/Clerk-Recorder
25 agency for about 12 1/2 years.

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1 Q. And is it fair to say that you are the highest ranking
2 employee in the Clerk-Recorder's Office for the County of
3 Alameda currently?

4 A. Yeah. The highest level civil service employee, yes.

5 Q. And then there would be an elected official that serves
6 beside you?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And that's an elected position, but you would be a civil
9 service position?

10 A. Yes. And I believe she has a chief deputy that she gets
11 to appoint that's outside the civil service system.

12 Q. Now, within that role, are you familiar with the CRO's
13 budget and financial operations?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And at any time since January of 2019 to the current, are
16 you aware of any time that the CRO's -- CRO's office has
17 received and utilized funds directly from the State of
18 California?

19 A. Directly, no.

20 Q. Thank you.

21 Now, let's step back and kind of do more broad picture, if
22 we could.

23 When did you first come to the County of Alameda?

24 A. My employment began in November of 2011.

25 Q. What was your position at that point?

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1 Now, who is Jocelyn Cole?

2 A. She is the current division chief of the Clerk-Recorder's
3 Office. So she was promoted into that position when I became
4 the assistant controller. And prior to that, she was one of
5 two assistant county clerk-recorders.

6 Q. So let's go back a step.

7 **Were you physically in the office on March 29th, 2019,**
8 **when Ms. Martinez came in?**

9 A. I was not.

10 Q. Where were you?

11 A. I was on vacation in Los Angeles.

12 Q. You actually got to leave the office.

13 A. Yes, I got to leave the office that day.

14 Q. So who was in charge of the program at that point?

15 A. It would have been our two assistant county
16 clerk-recorders, which would have been Eva He and Jocelyn Cole.

17 Q. Thank you.

18 Now, we've heard about Jocelyn just a minute ago.

19 At some point did you receive information about an
20 incident that occurred on March 29th, 2019?

21 A. I did.

22 Q. And what were you advised about it?

23 A. I received a --

24 **MS. STONER:** I'm sorry.

25 **THE WITNESS:** I received a text message from Jocelyn